



**FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
*Held virtually via Zoom*

**DECEMBER 10, 2020**

**Commissioners Present:** David Berarducci, John Karoff, Susan Goganian, Lynn Smiledge  
**Commissioners Absent:** Thomas Rodde  
**Staff Present:** Mary Cirbus, Preservation Planner; Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review

A full recording of the hearing is available at: <https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/fort-point-channel-landmark-district>

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There were no members of the press present.

**6:00 PM:** Chair D. Berarducci called the public hearing to order. He explained that, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, that the public hearing was being conducted virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing.

Following this brief introduction he called the first Design Review application.

**I. DESIGN REVIEW HEARING**

**APP # 21.0235 FPC**

**TIMES: 1:46 – 37:46 on Recording**

**ADDRESS: 300 A STREET**

*Continued from the 10/8/2020 FPCLDC Public Hearing*

Applicant: Channelside Acquisitons, LLC

Proposed Work: At the ground level windows along A Street and Necco Court install vinyl window graphics.

**Project Representatives:** Liz Farrell and Olivia Sherry (Related Beal) were the project representatives.

**Documents Presented:** The Commissioners reviewed a presentation consisting of existing conditions photographs, precedent photographs from around the district, and two revised options for the signage at the windows consisting of reduced graphics at the windows. They also presented renderings showing each option. The project team also provided revised drawings of the blade sign (already approved).

**Discussion Topics:** The Commission discussed the new revised proposals and felt that the reduced graphics allowed the windows to retain a presence on the street. They preferred Option 1. They also discussed the duration of the installation (3 years) and



proposed that the applicants reapply yearly so as to allow the Commission and public to re-review. They also discussed an expiration date for the installation.

**Public Comment:** Sara McCammond spoke in opposition to the installation.

**L. Smiledge motioned to approve Option 1 as presented with the proviso that the approval expire at the end of one (1) year; and that the approval does not set a precedence for the district. J. Karoff seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, JK, SG, LS) (N: None) (Absent: TR).**

## **II. RATIFICATION OF 11/12/2020 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**S. Goganian motioned to approve the Hearing minutes as submitted. J. Karoff seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, JK, SG, LS)) (N: None) (Absent: TR).**

## **III. STAFF UPDATES**

There were no staff updates.

## **IV. Adjourn – 6:42 PM**

**L. Smiledge motioned to adjourn. S. Goganian seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: DB, JK, SG, LS)) (N: None) (Absent: TR).**